[Mr. T. K. Alexander.]

(*a*) the number of applications received from Vernacular School teachers, who had put in acting service prior to 1100, within the last four years;

(*b*) whether preference is given to those who have put in acting service between 1100 and 1103 and

(*c*) whether there is any complaint about that; if so, what action has been taken?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Accurate figures are not available.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The whole question of the recruitment of teachers in Vernacular Schools is under consideration.

Statement by caste of the employees in the Vernacular Schools.

284. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons, by caste, employed in the Vernacular Schools for Boys; and

(*b*) the number of persons, by caste, in the wating list maintained by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools for Boys?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The information is furnished in the statement placed on the table.

Statement by caste of the employees in the Vernacular Schools for Girls.

285. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons, by caste, employed in the Vernacular Schools for Girls;

(*b*) the number of persons, by caste, in the waiting list maintained by the Inspectress of Schools for Girls?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The information is furnished in the †statement placed on the table.

Proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

286. ***MR. N. K. KRISHA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have come to a final decision over the proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee;

(*b*) whether they have as yet given effect to any of the proposals of the Committee, and, if so, what they are;

(*c*) when the report was submitted to Government and

(*d*) the cause of the delay in coming to a final decision?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, on some of them.

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†*Vide* Appendix viii.

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(*b*) Yes, formation of a separate Irrigation Division and the allotment of a separate Irrigation Fund.

(*c*) 3rd October 1931.

(*d*) There has been no avoidable delay. Government have been considering the proposals, and collecting necessary data and information to come to a decision on the recommendations of the Committee.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the Government have considered the proposals of the Minor Irrigation Committee for the amendment of the Irrigation Cess Bill ?

PRESIDENT : The Irrigation Cess Bill does not arise out of this.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the proposal of the Committee to amend the Minor Irrigation Bill was considered ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes, it has been considered.

Clerk and peon volunteers in the Anchal Department.

287. ***MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of clerk and peon volunteers in the Anchal Department who are members of depressed classes (Christians and Hindus)

(*b*) whether they have been appointed to permanent or acting places in the Department in obedience to the Government Order regarding the same, and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the period for which they are appointed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A list containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes. Their claims are also being considered without prejudice to the claims of others.

(*c*) They are being given acting chances as vacancies arise. The following have been confirmed :—

Issac – Malayarayan (Superior Service).
T. D. Madhavan—Pulayan.
Madhava Panicker—Washerman.
V. S. Narayanan—Velan.
P. S. Narayanan—Barber.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*) : ഒൈസക്ക എന്നയാളിന്റെ എത്ര നാളത്തെയ്ക്ക് അങ്കിംഗായി നിയമിച്ചു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : ഒൈസക്കി നെ സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിയതായിട്ടാണ് പറയുന്നത്.

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* *Vide* Appendix ix.

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